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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of former State Senator Claude U. "Bud" Stone, Jr. of Morton, who passed away on December 29, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Sen. Stone was born on April 30, 1926 in Peoria; his parents were Claude U. and Alma Marie (nee Poppen) Stone; he married Mary L. Thomas on March 14, 1953 in Roanoke; and

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WHEREAS, Sen. Stone attended White Grade School and Peoria High School and received his bachelor's degrees from Cornell University and Bradley University; he subsequently received his master's degree in business administration from Stanford University; and

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WHEREAS, Sen. Stone worked for Caterpillar Inc. for 33 years until his retirement in 1985, holding management positions in pricing, advertising, sales development, and marketing, all within the Engine Division; and

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WHEREAS, Sen. Stone served as an Illinois State Senator in the 92nd General Assembly, representing the 45th Senate District; and

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WHEREAS, Sen. Stone was actively involved in many

1 organizations and committees; he was a Republican precinct  
2 committeeman since 1956 in Peoria and Tazewell counties; he was  
3 active with Illinois young-Republican organizations and the  
4 Republican Party; he also served as Assistant Secretary of the  
5 Peoria County Republican Party, as Vice-President of the City  
6 of Peoria Republican Party, and as Chairman of the Tazewell  
7 County Republican Central Committee; in 1996, he shared the  
8 Tazewell County GOP Man of the Year award; he was a member of  
9 the Morton Planning Commission for 30 years and he was a  
10 founding and 26-year member of the Land Use Advisory Committee  
11 for the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission; prior to his  
12 service to Morton, he served on the Peoria Planning and Zoning  
13 Commission; his greatest length of tenure was being a member of  
14 the Illinois State Archaeological Society for over 62 years;  
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16 WHEREAS, Sen. Stone was preceded in death by his wife,  
17 Mary, and his sister, Sheila Day; and

18 WHEREAS, Sen. Stone is survived by 2 daughters, Sandra E.  
19 (James) Ludwig and Karen M. (Michael) McEntire; a son, Thomas  
20 L. Stone; 6 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and a  
21 stepsister, Joann Feucht; therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL  
23 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his

1 family and friends, mourn the passing of former State Senator  
2 Claude U. "Bud" Stone, Jr.; and be it further

3       RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
4 presented to the family of Sen. Stone as an expression of our  
5 deepest sympathy.